

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1-6, 8-11, 16-25, 27-30	Drawn to a method.
II	33-39	Drawn to a composition.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "the Patent Office") has also presented a series of species elections as follows:

If Invention Group I is elected, the Patent Office further requests election of one species of the following:

- a) A method of treating:
 - i. immune thrombocytopenia or
 - ii. inflammatory arthritis;
- b) The administered agent is
 - (i) a conjugate or
 - (ii) unconjugated antibody and antigen; and
- c) The antigen is
 - i. foreign
 - 1. the mammal does have pre-existing IgG to the foreign antigen
 - 2. the mammal does not have pre-existing IgG to the foreign antigen
 - ii. endogenous.

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1 through 6, 8 through 11, 16 through 25 and 27 through 30 drawn to a method, for prosecution at this time.

With respect to the species elections, applicants hereby elect the following species:

- a) (i) A method of treating immune thrombocytopenia.

- b) (i) The administered agent is a conjugate.
- c) (i) The antigen is foreign, and (2) the mammal does not have pre-existing IgG to the foreign antigen.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 16-25, 27-30, 33-39 and 41-44 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1-6, 8-11, 16-25, 27-30, 33-39 and 41-44 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, 8-11, 16-25 and 27-30, for prosecution at this time.

Additionally, applicants have elected the following species with respect to species elections a-c on page 2 of the Restriction/Election Requirement for Group I: (a) (i) A method of treating immune thrombocytopenia; b) (i) The administered agent is a conjugate; and (c) (i) The antigen is foreign, and (2) the mammal does not have pre-existing IgG to the foreign antigen.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

The present species election is made without traverse to the extent that it is understood that, upon the finding of an allowable species, examination will continue until all species have been examined, or a non-allowable species is found, all in accordance with the procedures set forth in Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (hereinafter "MPEP") § 803.02.

CONCLUSIONS

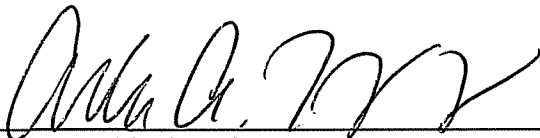
Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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